

OCTOBER 7, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Staszewski, Davisson and Schmidt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

9:15 A.M. FORMAL ACTION: Resolutions and Motions

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2013-264

WHEREAS, THE Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Dennis Sander, as a part-time transport officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to stop issuance of biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Sheriff, to Dennis Sander after accrued benefits are paid effective after his last day of employment on September 27, 2013.

Roll Call:

Schmidt: Yes

Davisson: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2013-265

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office desires to enter into an agreement with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to provide overtime and equipment to the County for the purpose of enforcing traffic safety laws; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires the Clinton County Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of said agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Clinton County Sheriff is hereby authorized to sign the agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Clinton County Attorney.

Roll Call:

Schmidt: Yes

Davisson: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2013-266

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the resignation of Lisa Jewel, full-time Clerk II of the Clinton County Recorder's Office be and is hereby acknowledged and effective October 16, 2013, at the close of the work day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to discontinue pay checks effective October 16, 2013.

Roll Call:

Schmidt: Yes

Davisson: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2013-267

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Secondary Roads Five Year Construction Program includes PCC Overlay-Unbonded Project No. FM-C023(94)—55-23, on 220th Avenue (Old Highway 61) from State Highway 136 to the Maquoketa City Limits; and

WHEREAS, construction of said project FM-C023(94)—55-23 has been completed by the Contractor and

the work has been approved and accepted by the County Engineer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, shall approve the final payment to said Contractor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

Roll Call:
Schmidt: Yes
Davisson: Yes
Staszewski: Yes
John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

Motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to accept Case Management/Mental Health Advisory Board recommendation to add Ray Tieso as a member to the Advisory Board.

Roll Call:
Schmidt: Yes
Davisson: Yes
Staszewski: Yes

Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor, informed the Board of Supervisors that absentee voting for the November 5th City Elections will begin on Thursday, October 10th. He also noted he and the Clinton County Budget Director Jeaninne Clark will be attending a class on Wednesday that will address the new commercial property tax credits.

Nate Mueller, Clinton County Zoning Administrator, addressed the Board of Supervisors about making up hours due to a recent personal issue. He also reported he will be attending the State Planning Conference in Cedar Rapids.

Todd Kinney, Clinton County Engineer, reported he will be attending a local-roads safety meeting in Minnesota. He said the expenses are being paid through federal highway funds.

9:33 A.M. Discussion – Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission Coordinator Position

Craig Eberhart, Chairman of the CCJCC and Clinton County Jail Administrator, asked the Board of Supervisors for approval to begin finding a replacement for Brian McKenrick who recently resigned to take a position with the district court system. He said the commission believes it has not yet reached its goal and there is plenty of work for the position. Eberhart said reducing the population in the jail is going well, but another goal of the position is to assist in replacing the jail. He said it is essential a replacement be found to keep those projects moving forward.

Supervisor Davisson said according to recollection, the position was to be in place about five years. She mentioned that because she wants the public to know that the rationale behind keeping the position is that there is still work to be done. Davisson would like to see more accountability from the position to the Board of Supervisors. She said monthly updates to the Board of Supervisors would be appreciated.

Schmidt said there were two questions to be answered. Does the County provide funding for the position and if it does, what does the County do in the transition? He said the jail consultant is currently meeting with communications and jail representatives. The consultant’s jail study was expected to be presented before the end of the year.

Eberhart said McKenrick has offered to help through the transition with the jail project. Eberhart would like to contract with McKenrick to assist with the transition and possibly assist with hiring his replacement as this would be helpful because McKenrick knows the job the best.

Clinton County Sheriff Rick Lincoln said the County Attorney said it would not be a conflict of interest for the County to contract with McKenrick. Lincoln also added that McKenrick’s supervisor is supportive of him helping Clinton County on an interim basis.

Davisson said some people have expressed concerns about contracting with McKenrick while he is working for the court system. She suggested the agreement have a specific cap on how much the Commission will pay for McKenrick’s consultant services. Schmidt said he had heard the same concerns.

Staszewski said the County needs McKenrick’s help to keep the projects progressing.

Schmidt reminded everyone that the position was working on more than the jail. He said the position was also working on a software transition within the jail system. He added some individuals in the Commission were not in favor of the position being replaced. He said those individuals believed the position should be funded through a grant if it were to continue.

Lincoln said that those of us who work close with the position can attest the position was busy with work and that now is not the time for the position to be eliminated. Lincoln said they wouldn’t promote the continuation of this job if it wasn’t necessary.

Motion was made by Supervisor Davisson to allow the CCJCC Chairman to enter into a negotiation with Brian McKenrick to consult with the commission during the transition and that any agreement reached must include a “not to exceed” amount to be paid.

Roll Call:
Schmidt: Yes
Davisson: Yes
Staszewski: Yes

Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. Discussion – Building Project Updates / Financial Updates – Clinton County Government Building – Building Maintenance

Corey Johnson, Building Maintenance Manager said the County is receiving questions about the cost to renovate the former Candlelight building compared to building a new annex. Johnson provided a handout that included numbers for building new for the same amount of space that is currently being renovated. He reported building new would cost \$387.09 per square foot. He said the renovation is costing \$160.72 per square foot. He said renovating is half the cost of building new. Johnson said the remodeling cost does not include the parking lot.

Davisson said this is also a good location for this annex and puts this property back into use.

Johnson said the renovation has been done without borrowing money. Johnson added the former Sheriff’s building in DeWitt was sold and the current annex building will also be sold to off-set the cost of the renovation. Johnson said the renovation is still on schedule to open in February.

10:18 A.M. Discussion/Possible Action – Adopt Official Name of the Clinton County Government Building

Johnson said he sent an email to County employees at the request of the Board of Supervisors to ask for suggestions for names for the new annex in DeWitt. He said the suggestion that was most popular was “Clinton County Government Building.”

After a brief discussion, “Clinton County Government Annex” was generally agreed upon. The Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution formally naming the building at its next meeting.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, October 14, 2013.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor
John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson